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REMARKS

This second preliminary amendment is being submitted to provide proper antecedent basis for all elements and otherwise to place the claims in compliance for allowance. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions to place the application in even better form, such as to result in a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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MARKED UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c).

50. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 40, wherein storing the document comprises storing in [a relational] the database a data entry having a plurality of fields related to the document.

51. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 40, further comprising receiving a search query for the document and returning results of the query.

99. (Amended) The method of claim [88] 98, wherein the reference comprises a command for accessing the electronic file, the command includes command information based on the file identifying information, and the server executes the command in response to receiving the reference, using the command information to access the electronic file.

100. (Amended) An electronic file delivery and storage service system operating in an electronic computer data network including the Internet network, adapted for sending an electronic file to a recipient, comprising:

a server adapted for uploading the electronic file from a sending computer and adapted for downloading the electronic file to a receiving computer;
a computer storage and database associated with the server;
the server adapted for accepting a connection with the sending computer using [the]

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an electronic data transmission protocol;

the server adapted for receiving first recipient identifying information via the connection with the sending computer;

the server adapted for uploading the electronic file via the connection with the sending computer, the electronic file transmitted over the connection using the electronic data transmission protocol;

the server adapted for determining file identifying information for the electronic file;

the server adapted for storing the electronic file in the computer storage, and adapted for associating in the database the electronic file with the file identifying information and the first recipient identifying information;

the server adapted for generating a delivery notification for the recipient containing delivery notification information based on the file identifying information, and adapted for sending the delivery notification to the recipient using an address associated with the recipient based on the first recipient identifying information;

the server adapted for accepting a connection with the receiving computer, initiated by the recipient in response to the delivery notification, using an Internet protocol;

the server adapted for receiving second recipient identifying information via the connection with the receiving computer, using the Internet protocol;

the server adapted for using the second recipient identifying information from the receiving computer to grant access to information associated with the recipient,

the server adapted for transmitting to the receiving computer, via the connection with the receiving computer, the information associated with the recipient, using the Internet

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protocol;

the server adapted for accepting a request from the receiving computer, via the connection with the receiving computer, initiated by the recipient in response to the transmitted information associated with the recipient, using the Internet protocol;

the server adapted for accessing the electronic file from the computer storage in response to the request; and

the server adapted for downloading at least a portion of the electronic file to the receiving computer via the connection with the receiving computer, using the Internet protocol.